

would be 183 million gallons at the 4 cent level, that is 18.3 million gallons of alcohol production. As I understand it, there is something less than 2 million produced in the state now for road or highway use. The 10 million plant that would be constructed or is under construction would add up to 12 and there still is some room yet then with this cap for additional construction or, of course, for importing of roads from outstate or alcohol from outstate. It is my opinion that if we do not address this issue this year, it is going to become a continually difficult financial problem for primarily the cities and counties. Obviously, one of the options is to again increase the highway user fee, the gas tax, to make up for the loss. If you look at the projections for next year, rather this year, calendar year 1984, the estimated consumption of 238 million, if nothing is done, will increase the loss of revenue substantially over this year and it continues to increase. I would hope that you would adopt the amendment as it is proposed and then we can discuss the bill on its merits for advancement.

SENATOR CLARK: Motion on the desk. We are on the Warner amendment so we will have to clarify that first. Is there anyone want to talk on the Warner amendment? If not, all those in favor of the Warner amendment will vote aye...Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would oppose the Warner amendment. I believe it is perhaps the least acceptable of several solutions. A number of reasons, I am sure Senator Hefner if he were here could explain the objections from the point of view of the individual retailer, the recordkeeping problems that might be entailed, et cetera. I would like to say at the outset that I can understand and I share Senator Warner's concern. It has been now 12 since we first enacted the exemption for gasohol. I think if 12 years ago some one had told us that gasohol would have attained the widespread acceptance that it has in this state, we would have been very pleased. At that time we did say that if the sales ever reached 20 million gallons, we would reassess the exemption. I think somewhere between 230 million and 270 million was the amount of gasohol sold in the state last year. I wish it were possible for this body to appropriate